

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A dispensing assembly comprising two dispensing devices for flower vases, each comprising a store for a plurality of different series of nested cup-shaped flower vases, the series capable of being different sizes, a dispensing mechanism for removing individual vases from said series and displacing the individual vases, and actuating means for said dispensing mechanism, said actuating means reacting to the introduction of money into an opening, in which each of said dispensing devices dispenses a vase of a different size wherein the dispensing assembly further comprises at least one dispensing opening.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The dispensing assembly according to claim 1, in which said store is designed to receive two series arranged next to one another, one series being arranged so as to interact with the said dispensing mechanism, and conveyor means being provided in order to move the other series into the position of the first series.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The dispensing assembly according to claim 1 or 2, comprising a common dispensing opening.

Claims 4 - 13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (new): A dispensing assembly for flower vases comprising:

a store for at least two series of flower vases, the series of flower vases provided in a plurality of stacks defining a bottom vase and a next vase stacked directly above the bottom vase, the flower vase having a holder around a rim of the flower vase and wherein the at least two series of flower vases differ in at least one of a size and shape;

a dispensing mechanism for each of the at least two series of flower vases, the dispensing mechanism comprising a dispensing slide having a carrier and a divider, the carrier located at one end of the dispensing slide for supporting the holder of the bottom vase, the divider located at another end of the dispensing slide for separating the bottom vase from the next vase when the

dispensing slide is moved in a lateral direction from the carrier end of the dispensing slide to the divider end of the dispensing slide; and

a dispensing opening for each of the at least two series of flower vases, the dispensing opening providing access to the vase separated by the divider of the dispensing slide.